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MODELING AND ACTING AGENCIES

Don't be taken in by bogus modeling agents and talent scouts who approach you with the line "You have the Look." Far more people have been conned into spending hundreds or even thousands of dollars for sham modeling and acting "services" than the number of models or actors have been discovered at the mall or on the street. Follow-up interviews often turn into high-pressure sales pitches for expensive modeling and acting classes or screen tests and photo shoots. If you're interested in a career as a model or actor, investigate thoroughly any school or agency you're considering.

Check with the Better Business Bureau at (302)230-0108 or at the BBB website at www.delaware.bbb.org/homepage.html to see if any complaints have been made against the agency or school before signing up for services or classes. Get the facts; don't fall for false flattery.

THE CONSUMER PROTECTION UNIT

The Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit helps consumers resolve problems with businesses. To get information, discuss problems or make a complaint, call our toll-free number from anywhere in Delaware - 800-220-5424. Consumers in New Castle County can also reach us at 577-8600. Helpful consumer information and our complaint form are on-line at www.state.de.us/attgen